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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Senate Executive Committee

Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2015

Present: Chair Roy Campbell, Nicholas Burbules, Calvin Lear, Melissa Madsen, William Maher, Mary Mallory, Gay Miller (phone), David O'Brien, Kevin Seymour, Joyce Tolliver

Absent: Abbas Aminmansour, Vice Chair Kim Graber, John Hart, Matthew Hill, Prasanta Kalita, Michael Sandretto

Guests: Chancellor Phyllis Wise, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ilesanmi Adesida, Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Policies Abbas Benmamoun, Associate Provost for Administrative Affairs Katherine Galvin, Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Chair Harry Hilton, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Robin Kaler, Campus Faculty Association Representative Richard Laugesen, License Advisory Committee Chair Leslie Wexler

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A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2015 in 232 English Building, with Chair Campbell presiding.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 27, 2015 were approved as distributed.

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Campbell reported that he attended the President's town hall meeting and felt more engaging questions about the President's future plans should have been asked.

Campbell noted several other topics: 1) Debate in the Illinois legislature continues over funding. 2) The athletics allegations need prompt and open action. 3) A Senate Leaders meeting last week raised many questions about budgets which led to Adesida's request to form a budgetary task force.

Seymour and Mallory expressed concern about the Senate Leaders meetings only including select members of the SEC.

4. Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Wise was pleased with Commencement attendance at the stadium. Wise reported on the President's tour that included the three campus Chancellors and town hall meetings at each campus.

Wise will continue discussions with Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ilesanmi Adesida and Vice President for Academic Affairs Christophe Pierre. Plans for a significant budget reductions are in the development process. Adesida added that part of the process would be to integrate and decrease redundancy, but not necessarily to centralize.

Wise reported that athletics allegations regarding the women's basketball and the men's football are under investigation by outside counsel. The physical and mental health of athletes is critical.

Wise and other campus administrators met with the local AAUP (American Association of University Professors) chapter and held follow-up discussions with Cary Nelson, Immediate Past National AAUP President and David O'Brien, Vice President of the local AAUP and Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT). Wise was informed that censure of the Urbana-Champaign campus administration is very likely.

O'Brien commented on the meetings regarding the impending censure and mentioned receiving several FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests as the AFT chair. O'Brien indicated the FOIA request included the release of emails between Burbules, Tolliver, and Wise. Wise noted that she did send emails to Burbules and Tolliver, but Wise did not consider those emails to be a consultation.

5. Old Business

5.1. Open Access to Research Articles

Chair of the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP), Burbules reported that GUP discussed Open Access to Research Articles extensively. A memo dated May 11, 2015 was sent from GUP to Chair Campbell with an attached recommendation that the proposed policy be adopted with no modifications. The communication was distributed to SEC members.

Chair of the Senate Committee on the Library, Mallory reported that the Library sub-committee that was formed has drafted a statement and once finalized, the statement will be sent to the SEC.

Several SEC members suggested that the policy should go before the full Senate in the fall.

5.2. Background Checks

GUP Chair Burbules reported that GUP compiled concerns expressed during the Senate discussion on background checks and a draft statement was drafted in response. The draft statement was distributed to SEC members. O'Brien noted that the AAUP has extensive statements on background checks and suggested consulting with the local AAUP chapter. Discussion continued. Concerns were raised about the timing of the background checks and the quality of the reports.

Benmamoun noted that activity on a report does not preclude a person from being hired and that the timing of the background check has not been finalized. Input from the applicant and the hiring department will be important.

5.3. Assessment of the *ad hoc* Licensing Advisory Committee

Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC) Chair Lesley Wexler reported that LAC has been a relatively quiet committee prior to 2013. Over the past years, LAC has met more often to discuss issues that seem in the committee's purview and others that Wexler is uncertain fall under LAC's charge.

For example, the contract with Vanity Fair that makes licensed apparel came before the LAC. LAC contacts the licensee and makes recommendations to the Chancellor. Coal divestiture is a topic that was presented to the LAC, and Wexler does not feel LAC's charge clearly covers the topic. However, the committee discussed coal divestiture and wrote a memo to the Chancellor on the topic. Wexler also suggested a more comprehensive membership for the committee.

Lear made a motion to refer the assessment of the *ad hoc* LAC to GUP with GUP reporting a recommendation to the SEC sometime in the fall. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. GUP Statement on Hiring Procedures

In a memo dated May 11, 2015 and addressed to Chair Campbell, GUP Chair Burbules conveyed GUP's statement on administrative hiring practices. The memo was distributed to SEC members. Mallory suggested the GUP statement on administrative hiring practices be presented to the full Senate in the fall.

7. Recommendations Related to the College of Medicine

Miller gave an overview of the PowerPoint slides presented at the May 6, 2015 meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. A portion of the slides were presented electronically to the SEC during the meeting. The presentation gave information on the phasing out of the current College of Medicine (COM). Miller suggested requesting clarification on the

timing of student notification. Miller added that if the two-year admission hiatus is enacted, it would enact Senate *Standing Rule* 13. People need to be aware of what actions are being taken and that those actions would engage our governance structure.

Burbules clarified that the College of Medicine is part of the Chicago campus, but the faculty and students are part of the Urbana-Champaign campus. Any actions would need to be coordinated between the campuses. Burbules felt it important to be explicit about what governance is being used and make it open and clear.

8. Campus Budget Advisory Task Force

Adesida sent an email to Chair Campbell requesting nominees for a Campus Budget Advisory Task Force. Adesida is looking for short term and long term budget recommendations from the ad hoc task force.

Adesida noted that the Campus Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC) generally discusses academic unit budgetary issues and the Dean's Budget Committee (DBC) discusses administration level budgetary issues. The new temporary task force would look at the campus budget as a whole. Adesida added that there is a need to reduce costs and find other revenue generating programs along with consolidating efforts. For example, the campus is investing in CITL (Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning) for online education instead of each college individually spending effort.

Adesida requested that nominations broadly represent the campus. Lear nominated the Senate Committee on the Budget. Chair Campbell will collect nominations and forward nominees to the Office of the Provost.

9. International Programs and Studies (IPS) Name Change

Chair Campbell reported that International Programs and Studies (IPS) wanted to refocus their mission and has changed their name to Illinois International. Campbell felt there was ambiguity surrounding the name change and questioned if it should go through the shared governance process of the Senate and be referred to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC).

Seymour made a motion to refer the renaming of IPS to Illinois International to the EPC. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. New Business

None.

11. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

None.

12. Executive Session with the Chancellor to Review the Vice Chancellors

The executive session was postponed until the next SEC meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate